

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-74 (canceled)

75. (currently amended) A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure, comprising:

a flexible fastening assembly, the fastening assembly having a first portion and a second portion operable to secure a surgical component to a vessel via a compressive force,

the fastening assembly having a substantially linear storage position and a normally coiled position,

wherein the fastening assembly is a coil spring in the substantially linear storage position and in the normally coiled position, and

wherein in the normally coiled position the first portion is disposed on one side of the surgical component and the second portion is disposed opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel,.

Claims 76-95 (canceled)

96. (previously presented) The fastener assembly according to Claim 75, wherein each of said first portion and said second portion extends substantially parallel to a wall of the vessel.

97. (currently amended) The fastener assembly according to Claim 75, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion ~~when compressed~~ in the normally coiled position.

Claims 98-99 (canceled)

100. (previously presented) The fastener assembly according to Claim 75, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

Claims 101-105 (canceled)

106. (withdrawn) The fastener assembly according to Claim 104, wherein the fastening assembly comprises a ring type fastener having a pair of fastener legs incorporated therein.

107. (withdrawn) The fastener assembly according to Claim 104, wherein the spring assembly comprises a pair of fastening legs.

108. (currently amended) A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure, comprising:

a flexible fastening assembly, the fastening assembly having at least one coil portion, the coil portion including a first portion and a second portion operable to be drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure a surgical component to a vessel,

the flexible fastening assembly having two end portions, wherein the two end portions are disposed on the same end of the first portion or the second portion of the flexible fastening assembly, and

wherein the first portion is disposed on one side of the surgical component and the second portion is disposed opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel.

109. (previously presented) The fastener assembly according to Claim 108, wherein the fastening assembly is a spring assembly.

110. (previously presented) The fastener assembly according to Claim 109, wherein the spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

111. (withdrawn) The fastener assembly according to Claim 109, wherein the fastening assembly comprises a ring type fastener having a pair of fastener legs incorporated therein.

112. (withdrawn) The fastener assembly according to Claim 109, wherein the spring assembly comprises a pair of fastening legs.